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Appl. No. : 10/038,947  
Applicant : William R. Freund, Jr.  
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For : Peak Switch Detector For Transit Time Ultrasonic Meters  
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Examiner : Tung S. Lau

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**AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2003**

Sir:

In an Office Action dated September 16, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 10-12, 14, 17, and 19-23, allowed claims 1-9 and objected to claims 13, 15, 16, and 18. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.

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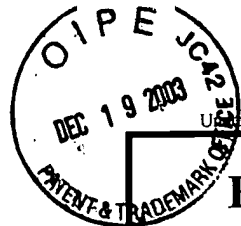
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** \$ 54.00**Complete if Known**

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			Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	26	23	= * 3 x		18.00	= \$54.00
Independent Claims	4	4	= * 0 x		86.00	= \$
Multiple Dependent					290.00	= \$ 00.00

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent Claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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